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### MEAP testing problems

For the past couple of weeks, teachers have been preparing themselves to administer the Michigan Educational Assessment Program test scheduled to take place next week. While preparing, many school districts have discovered problems with the exams. The problems are not related to the test themselves but with the number of exam booklets and the amount of supplies that were shipped to the schools.

According to the Department of Education, depending on the severity of the problems, certain school districts may be afforded extra time to administer the tests.

Is your school affected by MEAP supply problems? If so, Senator Garcia would like to be made aware of the problem. Please contact the Senator's office via e-mail at [senvgarcia@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:senvgarcia@senate.michigan.gov) or at (800) 516-0026.

## 2005 Hispanic Heritage Celebration at the State Capitol

The Michigan Hispanic Caucus invites your students to participate in the 2005 Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration on Wednesday, October 12, 2005 at the State Capitol in Lansing.

The event is planned to benefit persons statewide by showcasing Hispanic culture the community. The celebration includes a student summit from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Lansing Community College followed by an opening ceremony at the Capitol Building. Mexican food will be offered for lunch on the Capitol Lawn, free of charge. Entertainment during the lunch portion of the program will also be provided.

The Michigan Hispanic Caucus will also be awarding scholarships and community awards at an evening dinner and awards ceremony at the Lansing Holiday Inn South. High school students of Hispanic/Latino descent who will be enrolled in a college or university by fall of 2006 are eligible to apply. Please visit [www.michiganhispanicheritage.org](http://www.michiganhispanicheritage.org) for scholarship details.

The Caucus looks forward to your school's participation! Please RSVP the number of students that you will bring to the event to Karen Heath, Senator Valde Garcia's office at 1-800-516-0026.

